



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

Applicant : LOUVEL, Pascal Claude Michel, et al.  
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Title : MULTIPARTICULATE PHARMACEUTICAL FORM,  
PARTICLES CONSTITUTING IT, METHOD AND  
PLANT FOR MAKING SAME

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It has been noted that certain words were inadvertently omitted from Claim 8 of the Amendment, which was forwarded to the PTO on June 29, 2001. For this reason the PTO is requested to insert amended Claim 8.

8. (Amended) Apparatus for making particles in the form of spheroids comprising a mixture of an active substance distributed within a thermoplastic material and having a constant diameter in the range from 0,5 to 2mm, said apparatus comprising an extruder which in turn comprises an extrusion die and which is proper to produce extruded filaments of said mixture, said apparatus further comprising, located at the exit of the extrusion die, a tool, for chopping the extruded filaments, wherein said tool is equipped with cutters in the form of blades having a first and second face parallel with one another, the first of which is inclined towards the second, thus forming a cutting edge, the second face being recessed so as to leave a strip of a width of less than 1mm

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